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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, October 11, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God. Our Creator, we thank You for the material and spiritual blessings which You offer to us and bestow upon us daily. Our daily routine is usually so busy with things to do and places to go that we often forget to respond to Your goodness and generosity. We are grateful, too, for both our human intellect which empowers us to discover new intellectual and technological realities and our human will which enables us to make wise, prudent and moral choices. As elected leaders upon whom the electorate depends for sound judgements, inspire us to be guided by traditional principles, human and spiritual values and goals which promote the common good, the rights of all and stable communities and families.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Petrolati) the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Message from the Governor.

Higher Education, improvements.

A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to providing for the higher education capital improvement needs of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4280) was filed in the office of the Clerk on Wednesday, October 10.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Higher Education. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Statement Concerning Representative Galvin of Canton.

A statement of Mr. Rogers of Norwood concerning Mr. Galvin of Canton, was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Galvin of Canton, will not be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting due to family business outside of the Commonwealth. Any roll calls that he may miss today will be due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement Concerning Representative Kennedy of Brockton.

A statement of Mr. Rogers of Norwood concerning Mr. Kennedy of Brockton, was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Kennedy of Brockton, will not be present in the House Chamber for today's sit-Representative ting due to his spending personal time with his family while recovering from recent surgeries. Any roll calls that he may miss today will be due entirely to the reason stated.

Statement Concerning Representative Patrick of Falmouth.

A statement of Mr. Rogers of Norwood concerning Mr. Patrick of Falmouth, was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House Statement the fact that one of our colleagues, Representative Patrick of Fal-concerning mouth, will not be present in the House Chamber for today's sitting Retrick of due to an injury that he sustained earlier this week. Any roll calls Falmouth. that he may miss today will be due entirely to the reason stated.

Appointments to a Special Task Force.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Representatives Electronic Bosley of North Adams and Walrath of Stow to the special task Records force established (under Chapter 130 of the Acts of 2007) to develop Task an electronic health records system within the Executive Office of Force. Health and Human Services for children in foster care, individuals and dependents enrolled in the MassHealth and SCHIP programs, and individuals and dependents enrolled in Commonwealth Care or Safety Net Care programs.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Calter of Kingston) congratulating Ryan Ryan Joseph Pittsley on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Eagle Award. Scouts of America;

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Patrick of Falmouth and Turkington Thelma of Falmouth) congratulating Thelma Goldstein on the auspicious Goldstein. occasion of the ninetieth anniversary of her birth;

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peake of Provincetown) congratulating Andrew Andrew J. Callon on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts Callon, Eagle Award of America: and

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough) con- Sr. Patricia gratulating Sister Patricia Mary Harrington for fifty years of serve as Harrington. a Sister of Mercy:

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Spellane of Worcester, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the Hingham, committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that alcohol Joint Rule 7B be suspended on the joint petition of Garrett J. Bradley and Robert L. Hedlund for legislation to regulate certain

Statement concerning Representative Galvin of Canton.

Statement concerning Hingham, almhol licenses

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Housing, lotteries.

Homeland security,

agreement.

Environmental Trust.

employees.

Highway Department

personnel.

Public employees,

medical

expenses.

Support Our Troops

license

plates.

licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Hingham. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 7B was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Ronald Mariano that the Commissioner of Insurance be directed to promulgate rules and regulations for the protection of members of the armed forces from predatory insurance practices. To the committee on Financial Services.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Louis L. Kafka and William C. Galvin for legislation to provide drawings by lottery for applicants for low income and affordable housing accommodations. To the committee on Housing.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of John V. Fernandes that the Department of Public Safety be authorized to enter into an agreement with the federal Department of Homeland Security for participation in a certain program. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Garrett J. Bradley relative to the status of employees of the Treasurer and Receiver-General involved in the administration of the Environmental Facilities Trust of the Commonwealth;

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to transfer the payment of personnel and operating expenses of the Department of Highways from the capital budget to the operating budget of said department; and

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Walter F. Timilty and others relative to the payment of medical expenses for certain public employees injured in the performance of their official duties;

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Linda Dean Campbell that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles be directed to issue a distinctive registration plate inscribed with "Support Our Troops" commemorating service in the armed forces. To the committee on Transportation.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Spellane of Worcester, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

veterans

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of John A. Lepper relative to sales and excise tax exemptions for disabled veterans. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on Revenue. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Drug Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the offenders, Bill to amend the Commonwealth's drug treatment program to allow for the diversion of low-level offenders under court supervision (House, No. 1912).— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mrs. Walrath of Stow, for the committee on Health Care Patient Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the first first. petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1130) of Robert K. Coughlin and Kathi-Anne Reinstein for legislation to establish a patient safety technology trust,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence in the discharge of the committee.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy orleans, and Scheduling, that the House Bill validating certain health insurance payments made by the town of Orelans (House, No. 4035) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy Tick bome and Scheduling, that the House Resolve establishing a special commission relative to tick borne illness (House, No. 4201) be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the resolve was read a second time forthwith.

Pending the question on ordering the resolve to a third reading, it was referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

By Ms. Balser of Newton, for the committee on Mental Health court and Substance Abuse, on House, Nos. 1892 and 1893, a Bill relative ordered to court ordered hospitalizations (House, No. 4281). Referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

hospitalization.

By Mr. Murphy of Lowell, for the committee on Higher Educa- North Shore tion, on a petition, a Bill relative to the North Shore Community Community College, College Assistance Corporation (House, No. 1178).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill colleges, relative to the production and pricing of college textbooks (House, textbooks. No. 1200).

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Retirement, Service, on a petition, a Bill modifying the retirement benefits of surviving certain widows and surviving spouses (House, No. 2577).

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill survivor relative to survivor allowance (House, No. 2806).

Disabled taxes.

Veterans, retirement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to noncontributory retirement benefits (House, No. 4221).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Lanesborough, town election. By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, for the committee on Election Laws, on a message from His Excellency the Governor, a Bill validating the action taken at the annual town election held in the town of Lanesborough (printed in House, No. 4250).

Retirement benefits.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on House, Nos. 2459 and 2594, a Bill to increase retirement benefits (House, No. 2594).

Arlington, retirement funds. By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill extending the funding schedule required to reduce the town of Arlington's actuarial liability calculated to fully fund its retirement obligation and to divert funds into its other post employment benefits trust fund (House, No. 4140) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Recess.

Recess

At a quarter after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House recessed until the hour of one o'clock P.M.; and at a quarter after two o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Petrolati in the Chair.

Reports of Committees.

Deficiency appropriations.

Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, on House No. 4127, reported, in part, a Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2007 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4282) [Direct Appropriation: \$214,385,306.00; Prior Appropriation Continued: \$63,263,078.00; Total Appropriation: \$278,263,078.00]. Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Mr. DeLeo then moved that the rules be suspended in order that the bill might be read a second time forthwith.

Quorum

Pending the question on suspension of the rules, Mr. Peterson of Grafton asked for a count of the House to ascertain if a quorum was present. The Chair (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow), having determined that a quorum was not in attendance, then directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to secure the presence of a quorum.

Quorum, yea and nay No. 179. Subsequently a roll call was taken for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a quorum; and on the roll call 145 members were recorded as being in attendance.

[See Yea and Nay No. 179 in Supplement.]

Therefore a quorum was present.

After remarks on the motion to suspend the rules, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Peterson of

Grafton; and on the roll call 130 members voted in the affirmative $_{\text{No. 180}}$ and 18 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 180 in Supplement.]

Therefore the rules were suspended.

The bill then was read a second time.

After debate on the question on ordering the bill to a third reading, Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House moved to amend it by inserting after section 62 the following section:

"SECTION 62A. (A) This section shall be known, and may be cited, as the 'Massachusetts Municipal Finance Relief Act of 2007'.

(B) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, within 30 days of the effective date of this act and without further appropriation, the state treasurer shall distribute a total of \$450,000,000 to the cities and towns of the commonwealth as a one-time, non-recurring supplemental local aid payment, in accordance with the following schedule:—

MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT	MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT
ABINGTON	\$1,178,294	BLANDFORD	\$75,566
ACTON		BOLTON	\$118,260
ACUSHNET	\$896,691	BOSTON	\$34,451,665
ADAMS	\$1,192,287	BOURNE	\$708,379
AGAWAM	\$2,206,641	BOXBOROUGH	\$151,092
ALFORD	\$8,082	BOXFORD	\$273,653
AMESBURY	\$1,165,267	BOYLSTON	
AMHERST	\$4,724,355	BRAINTREE	\$1,801,787
ANDOVER	\$1,070,289	BREWSTER	\$236,502
AQUINNAH	\$1,399	BRIDGEWATER	\$1,918,040
ARLINGTON	\$2,382,472	BRIMFIELD	\$233,530
ASHBURNHAM	\$419,044	BROCKTON	\$10,467,062
ASHBY	\$228,479	BROOKFIELD	\$295,743
ASHFIELD		BROOKLINE	\$2,119,507
ASHLAND	\$669,666	BUCKLAND	\$165,715
ATHOL	\$1,367,752	BURLINGTON	\$901,398
ATTLEBORO	\$3,417,106	CAMBRIDGE	\$4,226,137
AUBURN	\$1,025,804	CANTON	\$861,922
AVON	\$222,336	CARLISLE	\$124,309
AYER	\$432,161	CARVER	\$875,017
BARNSTABLE		CHARLEMONT	
BARRE	\$487,081	CHARLTON	\$777,372
BECKET		CHATHAM	
BEDFORD	\$454,517	CHELMSFORD	
BELCHERTOWN	\$1,019,155	CHELSEA	\$3,284,582
BELLINGHAM	\$1,016,363	CHESHIRE	\$337,110
BELMONT	\$954,204	CHESTER	
BERKLEY	\$364,446	CHESTERFIELD	\$82,698
BERLIN	\$120,761	CHICOPEE	\$6,321,979
BERNARDSTON		CHILMARK	
BEVERLY		CLARKSBURG	
BILLERICA		CLINTON	
BLACKSTONE	\$716,766	COHASSET	\$228,228

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COLRAIN	\$152,809	HALIFAX	\$543,727
CONCORD	\$510,091	HAMILTON	\$364,502
CONWAY	\$107,048	HAMPDEN	\$375,214
CUMMINGTON	\$49,968	HANCOCK	\$25,330
DALTON	\$603,835	HANOVER	\$630,499
DANVERS		HANSON	\$701,870
DARTMOUTH	\$1,509,932	HARDWICK	\$241,224
DEDHAM	\$1,212,630	HARVARD	\$860,532
DEERFIELD	\$287,690	HARWICH	\$258,008
DENNIS	\$326,207	HATFIELD	\$186,896
DIGHTON	\$416,306	HAVERHILL	\$4,682,278
DOUGLAS	\$437,115	HAWLEY	\$19,702
DOVER	\$115,222	HEATH	\$46,940
DRACUT	\$2,098,645	HINGHAM	\$784,494
DUDLEY		HINSDALE	
DUNSTABLE	\$124,714	HOLBROOK	\$881,505
DUXBURY	\$530,938	HOLDEN	\$1,026,275
EAST BRIDGEWATER	\$896,577	HOLLAND	\$120.897
EAST BROOKFIELD .	\$161,654	HOLLISTON	\$729,144
EAST LONGMEADOW		HOLYOKE	\$5.791.283
EASTHAM		HOPEDALE	\$390.579
EASTHAMPTON		HOPKINTON	
EASTON	\$1,311,685	HUBBARDSTON	\$240,155
EDGARTOWN		HUDSON	\$1,194,424
EGREMONT	\$37,793	HULL	\$601,122
ERVING	\$33,930	HUNTINGTON	\$197,749
ESSEX	\$130,371	IPSWICH	\$588,302
EVERETT	\$2,172,454	KINGSTON	\$574,923
FAIRHAVEN	\$1,162,298	LAKEVILLE	\$490,095
FALL RIVER	\$13,171,348	LANCASTER	\$495,851
FALMOUTH	\$830,410	LANESBOROUGH	\$206,618
FITCHBURG	\$5,008,229	LAWRENCE	\$11,668,975
FLORIDA	\$29,814	LEE	\$373,031
FOXBOROUGH	\$892,182	LEICESTER	\$1,040,006
FRAMINGHAM		LENOX	\$284,545
FRANKLIN		LEOMINSTER	
FREETOWN		LEVERETT	
GARDNER		LEXINGTON	
GEORGETOWN		LEYDEN	
GILL		LINCOLN	
GLOUCESTER		LITTLETON	
GOSHEN		LONGMEADOW	
GOSNOLD		LOWELL	
GRAFTON		LUDLOW	
GRANBY		LUNENBURG	
GRANVILLE		LYNN	
GREAT BARRINGTON		LYNNFIELD	
GREENFIELD		MALDEN	
GROTON		MANCHESTER	
GROVELAND		MANSFIELD	
HADLEY	\$205,268	MARBLEHEAD	\$663,120

MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT
MARION	\$135,153
MARLBOROUGH	. \$1,947,549
MARSHFIELD	
MASHPEE	\$220,375
MATTAPOISETT	\$242,766
MAYNARD	
MEDFIELD	
MEDFORD	
MEDWAY	
MELROSE	\$1 770 404
MENDON	\$244 778
MERRIMAC	
METHUEN	\$3 178 200
MIDDLEBOROUGH	\$1,476,776
MIDDLEFIELD	
MIDDLETIELD	
MILFORD	
MILLBURY	
MILLIS	
MILLVILLE	
MILTON	. \$1,325,372
MONROE	
MONSON	
MONTAGUE	
MONTEREY	\$20,570
MONTGOMERY	
MOUNT WASHINGTON	
NAHANT	\$165,972
NANTUCKET	\$47,458
NATICK	
NEEDHAM	\$946,502
NEW ASHFORD	\$8,647
NEW BEDFORD	\$13,434,215
NEW BRAINTREE	\$71,405
NEW MARLBOROUGH	
NEW SALEM	\$61,424
NEWBURY	
NEWBURYPORT	\$863,476
NEWTON	
NORFOLK	
NORTH ADAMS	
NORTH ANDOVER	
NORTH	. 41,102,017
ATTLEBOROUGH	\$1 723 268
NORTH	. 41,723,200
BROOKFIELD	\$477 284
NORTH READING	
NORTH AMPTON	\$2 354 552
NORTHBOROUGH	
NORTHBRIDGE	
NORTHFIELD	
NONTHFIELD	\$109,011

MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT
NORTON	. \$1,244,924
NORWELL	\$381,700
NORWOOD	
OAK BLUFFS	\$43,562
OAKHAM	
ORANGE	
ORLEANS	
OTIS	
OXFORD	
PALMER	
PAXTON	
PEABODY	
PELHAM	
PEMBROKE	
PEPPERELL	
PERU	\$66,701
PETERSHAM	
PHILLIPSTON	
PITTSFIELD	
PLAINFIELD	
PLAINVILLE	\$454,420
PLYMOUTH	. \$2,347,065
PLYMPTON	\$142,103
PRINCETON	\$177,347
PROVINCETOWN	\$72,176
QUINCY	. \$5,870,577
RANDOLPH	. \$2,234,696
RAYNHAM	
READING	. \$1.203.143
REHOBOTH	
REVERE	
RICHMOND	
ROCHESTER	
ROCKLAND	
ROCKPORT	
ROWE	
ROWLEY	
ROYALSTON	
RUSSELL	
RUTLAND	
SALEM	
SALISBURY	
SANDISFIELD	
SANDWICH	
SAUGUS	
SAVOY	
SCITUATE	
SEEKONK	
SHARON	
SHEFFIELD	
SHELBURNE	\$155,282

Deficiency appropriations.

MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT	MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT
SHERBORN	\$119,662	WARREN	\$470,550
SHIRLEY	\$696,571	WARWICK	\$54,202
SHREWSBURY	\$1,524,727	WASHINGTON	\$39,956
SHUTESBURY	\$101,577	WATERTOWN	\$1,694,721
SOMERSET	\$918,702	WAYLAND	\$406,508
SOMERVILLE		WEBSTER	\$1,453,220
SOUTH HADLEY	\$1,554,650	WELLESLEY	\$729,343
SOUTHAMPTON	\$381,664	WELLFLEET	\$35,011
SOUTHBOROUGH	\$261,984	WENDELL	\$87,942
SOUTHBRIDGE		WENHAM	\$189,295
SOUTHWICK	\$682,361	WEST BOYLSTON .	\$444,638
SPENCER	\$1,170,735	WEST BRIDGEWATE	ER \$368,971
SPRINGFIELD	\$21,795,215	WEST BROOKFIELD	\$284,457
STERLING	\$411,990	WEST NEWBURY	\$168,511
STOCKBRIDGE	\$59,707	WEST SPRINGFIELD	\$2,146,745
STONEHAM	\$1,249,657	WEST STOCKBRIDG	E\$58,240
STOUGHTON	\$1,868,479	WEST TISBURY	\$21,696
STOW	\$248,799	WESTBOROUGH	\$624,305
STURBRIDGE	\$464,064	WESTFIELD	\$3,770,787
SUDBURY	\$529,713	WESTFORD	\$841,972
SUNDERLAND	\$302,751	WESTHAMPTON	\$86,797
SUTTON	\$467,578	WESTMINSTER	
SWAMPSCOTT		WESTON	\$224,056
SWANSEA		WESTPORT	
TAUNTON	\$5,037,965	WESTWOOD	\$419,542
TEMPLETON	\$725,682	WEYMOUTH	\$4,056,289
TEWKSBURY	\$1,667,124	WHATELY	\$80,385
TISBURY	\$58,735	WHITMAN	\$1,254,207
TOLLAND	\$5,355	WILBRAHAM	
TOPSFIELD	\$245,500	WILLIAMSBURG	\$181,345
TOWNSEND	\$699,994	WILLIAMSTOWN	\$571,880
TRURO	\$18,020	WILMINGTON	\$885,708
TYNGSBOROUGH	\$578,865	WINCHENDON	
TYRINGHAM	\$7,605	WINCHESTER	\$720,496
UPTON	\$293,346	WINDSOR	\$45,757
UXBRIDGE		WINTHROP	\$1,424,242
WAKEFIELD	\$1,325,811	WOBURN	\$1,859,702
WALES	\$141,479	WORCESTER	\$19,208,638
WALPOLE		WORTHINGTON	
WALTHAM	\$3,124,782	WRENTHAM	
WARE		YARMOUTH	\$756,271
WAREHAM	\$1,185,109	TOTAL	\$450,000,000

Amendment rejected, yea and nay No. 181. After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Peterson of Grafton; and on the roll call 24 members voted in the affirmative and 123 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 181 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 62 the following five sections:

"SECTION 62A. (A) Sections 62A through 62E of this act, inclusive, shall be known and may be cited, as the 'Massachusetts Property Tax Act of 2007'.

SECTION 62B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, within 30 days of the effective date of this act and without further appropriation, the state treasurer shall distribute a total of \$450,000,000 to the cities and towns of the commonwealth as a one-time, non-recurring supplemental local aid payment, in accordance with the following schedule:—

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ASHFIELD		CHARLTON	
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ATTLEBORO		CHELSEA	
AUBURN		CHESHIRE	
AVON		CHESTER	
AYER	\$432,161	CHESTERFIELD	
BARNSTABLE		CHICOPEE	
BARRE		CHILMARK	
BECKET		CLARKSBURG	, ,
BEDFORD		CLINTON	
BELCHERTOWN		COHASSET	
BELLINGHAM		COLRAIN	
BELMONT		CONCORD	
BERKLEY		CONWAY	
BERLIN		CUMMINGTON	
BERNARDSTON		DALTON	
BEVERLY		DANVERS	
BILLERICA		DARTMOUTH	
BLACKSTONE		DEDHAM	
BLANDFORD		DEERFIELD	
BOLTON		DENNIS	
BOSTON		DIGHTON	
BOXBOROUGH		DOUGLAS	
BOXFORD		DRACUT	
BOYLSTON		DUDLEY	
BRAINTREE		DUDLEY DUNSTABLE	
DRAINIKEE	\$1,8U1,787	DUNSTABLE	\$124,/14

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DUXBURY	\$530,938	HOLDEN	. \$1,026,275
EAST BRIDGEWATER.		HOLLAND	\$120,897
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EAST LONGMEADOW.	\$867,009	HOLYOKE	. \$5,791,283
EASTHAM	\$89,238	HOPEDALE	\$390,579
EASTHAMPTON		HOPKINTON	
EASTON	. \$1,311,685	HUBBARDSTON	\$240,155
EDGARTOWN		HUDSON	
EGREMONT		HULL	
ERVING		HUNTINGTON	
ESSEX		IPSWICH	
EVERETT		KINGSTON	
FAIRHAVEN		LAKEVILLE	
FALL RIVER		LANCASTER	
FALMOUTH		LANESBOROUGH	
FITCHBURG		LAWRENCE	
FLORIDA		LEE	
FOXBOROUGH		LEICESTER	
FRAMINGHAM		LENOX	
FRANKLIN		LEOMINSTER	
FREETOWN		LEVERETT	
GARDNER		LEXINGTON	
GEORGETOWN		LEYDEN	
GILL		LINCOLN	
GLOUCESTER			
GOSHEN		LITTLETONLONGMEADOW	
GOSNOLD			
GRAFTON		LOWELL	
GRANBY GRANVILLE		LUNENBURG	
GREAT BARRINGTON		LYNNFIELD	
GREENFIELD		MALDEN	
		MANCHESTER	
GROTON			
		MANSFIELD	
HADLEY		MARBLEHEAD	
HALIFAX		MARION	
HAMILTON			
HAMPDEN		MARSHFIELD	
HANCOCK		MASHPEE	
HANGON		MATTAPOISETT	
HANSON		MAYNARD	
HARDWICK		MEDFIELD	
HARVARD		MEDFORD	
HARWICH		MEDWAY	
HATFIELD		MELROSE	
HAVERHILL		MENDON	
HAWLEY		MERRIMAC	
HEATH		METHUEN	
HINGHAM		MIDDLEBOROUGH	
HINSDALE		MIDDLEFIELD	
HOLBROOK	\$881,505	MIDDLETON	\$266,820

MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT
MILFORD	. \$1,829,521
MILLBURY	. \$1.060.668
MILLIS	
MILLVILLE	
MILTON	
MONROE	
MONSON	
MONTAGUE	
MONTEREY MONTGOMERY	\$20,370
MOUNT WASHINGTON	
NAHANT	\$165,972
NANTUCKET	\$47,458
NATICK	. \$1,347,638
NEEDHAM	\$946,502
NEW ASHFORD	\$8,647
NEW BEDFORD	\$13,434,215
NEW BRAINTREE	\$71,405
NEW MARLBOROUGH	\$35,079
NEW SALEM	
NEWBURY	\$272,103
NEWBURYPORT	
NEWTON	. \$2,857,308
NORFOLK	
NORTH ADAMS	
NORTH ANDOVER	. \$1,169,517
NORTH	
ATTLEBOROUGH	. \$1.723.268
NORTH	, ,, ,,
BROOKFIELD	\$477.284
NORTH READING	
NORTHAMPTON	
NORTHBOROUGH	
NORTHBRIDGE	
NORTHFIELD	
NORTON	
NORWELL	
NORWELL	£1 502 106
NORWOOD	
OAK BLUFFS	
OAKHAM ORANGE	\$114,919
ORLEANS	
OTIS	
OXFORD	
PALMER	
PAXTON	\$279,858
PEABODY	
PELHAM	
PEMBROKE	
PEPPERELL	\$765,974
PERU	\$66,701

MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT
PETERSHAM	
PHILLIPSTON	\$104,663
PITTSFIELD	
PLAINFIELD	\$30,050
PLAINVILLE	
PLYMOUTH	
PLYMPTON	\$142,103
PRINCETON	\$177.347
PROVINCETOWN	\$72.176
QUINCY	. \$5.870.577
RANDOLPH	. \$2,234,696
RAYNHAM	
READING	
REHOBOTH	
REVERE	\$3 594 292
RICHMOND	
ROCHESTER	
ROCKLAND	
ROCKPORT	
ROWE	
ROWLEY	
ROYALSTON	
RUSSELL	
RUTLAND	
SALEM	
SALISBURY	
SANDISFIELD	
SANDWICH	\$632 575
SAUGUS	
SAVOY	
SCITUATE	
SEEKONK	
SHARON	
SHEFFIELD	
SHELBURNE	\$155 282
SHERBORN	
SHIRLEY	
SHREWSBURY	\$1 524 727
SHUTESBURY	\$101 577
SOMERSET	\$918 702
SOMERVILLE	
SOUTH HADLEY	
SOUTHAMPTON	
SOUTHBOROUGH	
SOUTHBRIDGE	
SOUTHWICK	
SPENCER	
SPRINGFIELD	\$21,795.215
STERLING	\$411,990
STOCKBRIDGE	
STONEHAM	

Deficiency appropriations.

MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT	MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT
STOUGHTON	\$1,868,479	WENDELL	\$87,942
STOW	\$248,799	WENHAM	\$189,295
STURBRIDGE	\$464,064	WEST BOYLSTON	\$444,638
SUDBURY	\$529,713	WEST BRIDGEWATER	8 \$368,971
SUNDERLAND	\$302,751	WEST BROOKFIELD .	\$284,457
SUTTON	\$467,578	WEST NEWBURY	\$168,511
SWAMPSCOTT	\$605,763	WEST SPRINGFIELD.	\$2,146,745
SWANSEA	\$1,125,013	WEST STOCKBRIDGE	\$58,240
TAUNTON	\$5,037,965	WEST TISBURY	\$21,696
TEMPLETON	\$725,682	WESTBOROUGH	\$624,305
TEWKSBURY	\$1,667,124	WESTFIELD	\$3,770,787
TISBURY	\$58,735	WESTFORD	\$841,972
TOLLAND		WESTHAMPTON	
TOPSFIELD	\$245,500	WESTMINSTER	\$386,044
TOWNSEND	\$699,994	WESTON	
TRURO	\$18,020	WESTPORT	\$728,740
TYNGSBOROUGH	\$578,865	WESTWOOD	\$419,542
TYRINGHAM	\$7,605	WEYMOUTH	\$4,056,289
UPTON	\$293,346	WHATELY	\$80,385
UXBRIDGE	\$824,185	WHITMAN	\$1,254,207
WAKEFIELD	\$1,325,811	WILBRAHAM	\$804,048
WALES	\$141,479	WILLIAMSBURG	
WALPOLE		WILLIAMSTOWN	\$571,880
WALTHAM	\$3,124,782	WILMINGTON	\$885,708
WARE	\$1,026,775	WINCHENDON	\$995,498
WAREHAM	\$1,185,109	WINCHESTER	\$720,496
WARREN	\$470,550	WINDSOR	\$45,757
WARWICK	\$54,202	WINTHROP	\$1,424,242
WASHINGTON		WOBURN	
WATERTOWN		WORCESTER	
WAYLAND		WORTHINGTON	
WEBSTER		WRENTHAM	
WELLESLEY		YARMOUTH	
WELLFLEET	\$35,011	TOTAL	. \$450,000,000

SECTION 62C. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, amounts distributed to a city or town in accordance with section 62B of this act shall be deposited in the general fund of the municipality receiving them and may be used, without restriction, for any municipal purpose; provided, that a city or town receiving a distribution of funds under said section shall reduce the amount of property taxes it assesses to all properties classified as 'class one, residential,' under chapter 59 of the general laws, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008; provided further, that such reduction shall be pro-rated based on the assessed valuation of each parcel of such property, and that the total reduction in property taxes shall be not less than the amount distributed to the municipality herein.

SECTION 62D. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon the distribution of funds set forth in Section 62B of this act, the commissioner of revenue shall decrease the limits calculated under section 21D of chapter 59 of the general laws to reflect the reduction in residential assessments required by Section 3 of this act for each city or town receiving funds herein; provided that such reduction shall be effective for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2008 only, and that amounts so reduced shall be restored to their previous levels upon the completion of said fiscal year. The commissioner shall provide detailed written notice of such adjustment to the proper governing body or local appropriating authority as soon as practicable.

SECTION 62E. Nothing in this act shall be construed as preventing a city or town from seeking voter approval to assess additional taxes under section 21C of chapter 59 of the general laws, subject to the reduction of limits under sections 62C and 62D of this act.".

Mr. Wagner of Chicopee thereupon raised a point of order that Point of the amendment offered by the gentleman from North Reading, et als, was improperly before the House for the reason that it was substantially the same as the amendment previously rejected by the House.

The Chair (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow) stated that the point of order was well taken; and the amendment was laid aside accordingly.

Mr. Peterson of Grafton thereupon appealed from the decision of Appeal the Chair; and the appeal was seconded by Mr. Jones.

The question was then put "Shall the decision of the Chair stand of Chair." as the judgment of the House?".

After remarks on the appeal from the decision of the Chair, the Decision sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of of Chair sustained Mr. Peterson; and on the roll call 129 members voted in the affirma- yea and nay tive and 18 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nav No. 182 in Supplement.]

Therefore the decision of the Chair was sustained.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2A by striking out item 0411-1003.

After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the Amendment sense of the House was taken by year and nays, at the request of rejected, Mr. Jones; and on the roll call 19 members voted in the affirmative No. 183. and 128 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 183 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2A by striking out items 1100-1200 and 1599-0053; and the amendments were rejected.

Mr. Casey of Winchester then moved to amend the bill by inserting after section 62 the following section:—

"SECTION 62A. Notwithstanding any general or specific law to the contrary, the General Court hereby directs the Governor and Secretary of Health and Human Services to seek Federal reimbursements, including but not limited to intergovernmental transfers and certified public expenditures; and provided further that all money received from the Federal government will be directed into the Central Community Provider Trust Fund for further distribution to community hospitals.".

No 182

AMOUNT

Amendment rejected, yea and nay No. 184. After debate on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Casey; and on the roll call 20 members voted in the affirmative and 125 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 184 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

The bill then was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently (the Speaker being in the Chair), under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House moved to amend it by inserting after section 62 the following five sections section:

"SECTION 62A. (A) Sections 62A through 62E of this act, inclusive, shall be known and may be cited, as the 'Massachusetts Property Tax Act of 2007'.

SECTION 62B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, within 30 days of the effective date of this act and without further appropriation, the state treasurer shall distribute a total of \$450,000,000 to the cities and towns of the commonwealth as a one-time, non-recurring supplemental local aid payment, in accordance with the following schedule:—

MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT	MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT
ABINGTON	\$1,178,294	BELMONT	\$954,204
ACTON		BERKLEY	\$364,446
ACUSHNET	\$896,691	BERLIN	\$120,761
ADAMS	\$1,192,287	BERNARDSTON	\$169,886
AGAWAM	\$2,206,641	BEVERLY	\$2,317,608
ALFORD	\$8,082	BILLERICA	\$2,357,240
AMESBURY	\$1,165,267	BLACKSTONE	\$716,766
AMHERST	\$4,724,355	BLANDFORD	\$75,566
ANDOVER	\$1,070,289	BOLTON	\$118,260
AQUINNAH	\$1,399	BOSTON	\$34,451,665
ARLINGTON	\$2,382,472	BOURNE	\$708,379
ASHBURNHAM	\$419,044	BOXBOROUGH	\$151,092
ASHBY	\$228,479	BOXFORD	\$273,653
ASHFIELD	\$111,201	BOYLSTON	\$205,169
ASHLAND	\$669,666	BRAINTREE	\$1,801,787
ATHOL	\$1,367,752	BREWSTER	\$236,502
ATTLEBORO	\$3,417,106	BRIDGEWATER	\$1,918,040
AUBURN	\$1,025,804	BRIMFIELD	\$233,530
AVON	\$222,336	BROCKTON	\$10,467,062
AYER		BROOKFIELD	\$295,743
BARNSTABLE	\$1,259,917	BROOKLINE	\$2,119,507
BARRE	\$487,081	BUCKLAND	\$165,715
BECKET		BURLINGTON	
BEDFORD		CAMBRIDGE	
BELCHERTOWN	\$1,019,155	CANTON	\$861,922
BELLINGHAM	\$1,016,363	CARLISLE	\$124,309

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CARVER	\$875,017
CHARLEMONT	\$104,701
CHARLTON	\$777,372
CHATHAM	\$90,145
CHELMSFORD	. \$1,819,965
CHELSEA	
CHESHIRE	
CHESTER	\$107,838
CHESTERFIELD	
CHICOPEE	. \$6,321,979
CHILMARK	\$2,246
CLARKSBURG	\$211,585
CLINTON	. \$1,325,540
COHASSET	\$228,228
COLRAIN	\$152,809
CONCORD	\$510,091
CONWAY	\$107,048
CUMMINGTON	\$49,968
DALTON	
DANVERS	
DARTMOUTH	. \$1,509,932
DEDHAM	. \$1,212,630
DEERFIELD	
DENNIS	\$326,207
DIGHTON	\$416,306
DOUGLAS	\$437,115
DOVER	\$115,222
DRACUT	
DUDLEY	\$924,562
DUNSTABLE	\$124,714
DUXBURY	\$530,938
EAST BRIDGEWATER.	\$896,577
EAST BROOKFIELD	\$161,654
EAST LONGMEADOW.	\$867,009
EASTHAM	
EASTHAMPTON	. \$1,631,199
EASTON	. \$1,311,685
EDGARTOWN	
EGREMONT	
ERVING	\$33,930
ESSEX	\$130,371
EVERETT	. \$2,172,454
FAIRHAVEN	. \$1,162,298
FALL RIVER	
FALMOUTH	
FITCHBURG	
FLORIDA	\$29,814
FOXBOROUGH	
FRAMINGHAM	. \$3,698,467
FRANKLIN	. \$1,480,044
FREETOWN	\$568,769

MUNICIPALITY

MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT
GARDNER	. \$2,480,083
GEORGETOWN	
GILL	\$127,386
GLOUCESTER	
GOSHEN	
GOSNOLD	
GRAFTON	
GRANBY	\$528,871
GRANVILLE	
GREAT BARRINGTON .	\$454,576
GREENFIELD	. \$1,901,636
GROTON	\$461,006
GROVELAND	\$381,399
HADLEY	\$205,268
HALIFAX	\$543,727
HAMILTON	
HAMPDEN	\$375,214
HANCOCK	\$25,330
HANOVER	
HANSON	
HARDWICK	
HARVARD	
HARWICH	
HATFIELD	
HAVERHILL	
HAWLEY	
HEATH	
HINGHAM	\$784,494
HINSDALE	
HOLBROOK	
HOLDEN	
HOLLAND	
HOLLISTON	
HOPEDALE	
HOPEDALE	
HUBBARDSTON	
HUDSON	
HULL	
HUNTINGTON	
IPSWICH	
KINGSTON	
LAKEVILLE	
LANCASTER	
LANESBOROUGH	
LAWRENCE	
LEE	
LEICESTER	
LENOX	
LEOMINSTER	. \$3,422,473
LEVERETT	\$106,915

Deliciency	
appropriations	

MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT	MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT
LEXINGTON	\$917,977	NEWBURY	\$272,103
LEYDEN	\$48,863	NEWBURYPORT	\$863,476
LINCOLN	\$267,238	NEWTON	\$2,857,308
LITTLETON	\$346,401	NORFOLK	\$574,414
LONGMEADOW		NORTH ADAMS	\$2,567,937
LOWELL	\$12,035,457	NORTH ANDOVER	\$1,169,517
LUDLOW	\$1,829,801	NORTH	
LUNENBURG	\$633,417	ATTLEBOROUGH	\$1,723,268
LYNN	\$8,849,582	NORTH	
LYNNFIELD	\$448,595	BROOKFIELD	\$477,284
MALDEN	\$4,826,064	NORTH READING	\$608,496
MANCHESTER	\$133,205	NORTHAMPTON	\$2,354,552
MANSFIELD	\$987,141	NORTHBOROUGH	\$638,721
MARBLEHEAD	\$663,120	NORTHBRIDGE	\$1,262,882
MARION	\$135,153	NORTHFIELD	\$189,611
MARLBOROUGH		NORTON	\$1,244,924
MARSHFIELD	\$1,200,004	NORWELL	\$381,700
MASHPEE		NORWOOD	\$1,503,106
MATTAPOISETT	\$242,766	OAK BLUFFS	\$43,562
MAYNARD	\$658,570	OAKHAM	\$114,919
MEDFIELD		ORANGE	\$966,994
MEDFORD	\$4,001,202	ORLEANS	\$102,888
MEDWAY	\$640,766	OTIS	\$21,787
MELROSE	\$1,770,404	OXFORD	\$1,231,661
MENDON	\$244,778	PALMER	\$1,201,247
MERRIMAC	\$436,138	PAXTON	\$279,858
METHUEN	\$3,178,290	PEABODY	\$2,812,460
MIDDLEBOROUGH .	\$1,476,776	PELHAM	\$95,345
MIDDLEFIELD		PEMBROKE	, ,
MIDDLETON		PEPPERELL	\$765,974
MILFORD		PERU	
MILLBURY		PETERSHAM	
MILLIS		PHILLIPSTON	\$104,663
MILLVILLE		PITTSFIELD	
MILTON	\$1,325,372	PLAINFIELD	\$30,050
MONROE		PLAINVILLE	
MONSON		PLYMOUTH	
MONTAGUE		PLYMPTON	
MONTEREY		PRINCETON	
MONTGOMERY		PROVINCETOWN	
MOUNT WASHINGTO		QUINCY	
NAHANT		RANDOLPH	
NANTUCKET		RAYNHAM	
NATICK		READING	,, -
NEEDHAM		REHOBOTH	
NEW ASHFORD		REVERE	
NEW BEDFORD		RICHMOND	
NEW BRAINTREE		ROCHESTER	, ,
NEW MARLBOROUG		ROCKLAND	
NEW SALEM	\$61,424	ROCKPORT	\$262,098

MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT
ROWE	\$2,360
ROWLEY	
ROYALSTON	
RUSSELL	
RUTLAND	
SALEM	
SALISBURY	
SANDISFIELD	
SANDWICH	\$632,575
SAUGUS	
SAVOY	
SCITUATE	
SEEKONK	\$737,081
SHARON	\$808,417
SHEFFIELD	\$140,180
SHELBURNE	\$155,282
SHERBORN	\$119,662
SHIRLEY	\$696,571
SHREWSBURY	\$1.524.727
SHUTESBURY	
SOMERSET	
SOMERVILLE	
SOUTH HADLEY	
SOUTH HADLE 1 SOUTHAMPTON	
SOUTHBOROUGH	
SOUTHBRIDGE	
SOUTHWICK	
SPENCER	\$1,170,735
SPRINGFIELD	
STERLING	
STOCKBRIDGE	
STONEHAM	
STOUGHTON	\$1,868,479
STOW	\$248,799
STURBRIDGE	\$464,064
SUDBURY	
SUNDERLAND	
SUTTON	
SWAMPSCOTT	
SWANSEA	
TAUNTON	
TEMPLETON	¢1 667 124
TISBURY	
TOLLAND	
TOPSFIELD	\$245,500
TOWNSEND	
TRURO	
TYNGSBOROUGH	
TYRINGHAM	\$7,605

MUNICIPALITY	AMOUNT
UPTON	\$293,346
UXBRIDGE	
WAKEFIELD	
WALES	
WALPOLE	
WALTHAM	
WARE	
WAREHAM	
WARREN	\$470.550
WARWICK	
WASHINGTON	
WATERTOWN	
WAYLAND	
WEBSTER	
WELLESLEY	\$720.242
WELLFLEET	
WENDELL	
WENHAM	
WEST BOYLSTON	\$189,293
WEST BRIDGEWATER .	
WEST BROOKFIELD	
WEST NEWBURY	
WEST SPRINGFIELD	
WEST STOCKBRIDGE	
WEST TISBURY	
WESTBOROUGH	
WESTFIELD	
WESTFORD	
WESTHAMPTON	
WESTMINSTER	\$386,044
WESTON	
WESTPORT	
WESTWOOD	
WEYMOUTH	
WHATELY	
WHITMAN	\$1,254,207
WILBRAHAM	\$804,048
WILLIAMSBURG	\$181,345
WILLIAMSTOWN	\$571,880
WILMINGTON	\$885,708
WINCHENDON	\$995,498
WINCHESTER	\$720,496
WINDSOR	\$45,757
WINTHROP	
WOBURN	
WORCESTER	819.208.638
WORTHINGTON	\$75.239
WRENTHAM	
YARMOUTH	
TOTAL \$4	

Deficiency appropriations.

SECTION 62C. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, amounts distributed to a city or town in accordance with section 62B of this act shall be deposited in the general fund of the municipality receiving them and may be used, without restriction, for any municipal purpose; provided, that a city or town receiving a distribution of funds under said section shall reduce the amount of property taxes it assesses to all properties classified as 'class one, residential,' under chapter 59 of the general laws, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008; provided further, that such reduction shall be pro-rated based on the assessed valuation of each parcel of such property, and that the total reduction in property taxes shall be not less than the amount distributed to the municipality herein.

SECTION 62D. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon the distribution of funds set forth in Section 62B of this act, the commissioner of revenue shall decrease the limits calculated under section 21D of chapter 59 of the general laws to reflect the reduction in residential assessments required by Section 3 of this act for each city or town receiving funds herein; provided that such reduction shall be effective for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2008 only, and that amounts so reduced shall be restored to their previous levels upon the completion of said fiscal year. The commissioner shall provide detailed written notice of such adjustment to the proper governing body or local appropriating authority as soon as practicable.

SECTION 62E. Nothing in this act shall be construed as preventing a city or town from seeking voter approval to assess additional taxes under section 21C of chapter 59 of the general laws, subject to the reduction of limits under sections 62C and 62D of this act.".

Mr. Marzilli of Arlington thereupon raised a point of order that the amendment offered by the gentleman from North Reading, et als. was improperly before the House because it exceeded the provisions contained within the bill.

The Speaker stated that the point of order was not well taken.

After remarks on the question on adoption of the amendment, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Jones of North Reading; and on the roll call 19 members voted in the affirmative and 125 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nav No. 185 in Supplement.]

Therefore the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Jones of North Reading and other members of the House then moved to amend the bill in section 2A, in item 0411-1003, by adding the following: "; provided further that the Office of the Governor shall report to the House and Senate clerks no later than October 1, 2008 quantifying the benefits and successes of increased spending for this item".

The amendment was rejected.

After remarks on the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, the sense of the House was taken by yeas and nays, at the request of Mr. Jones: and on the roll call 126 members voted in the affirmative and 18 in the negative.

[See Yea and Nay No. 186 in Supplement.]

Therefore the bill (House, No. 4282) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Recess.

Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair,— at thirteen minutes Recess. after five o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Brownsberger of Belmont, the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at twentynine minutes before eight o'clock the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Orders of the Day.

The Senate Bill relative to recall elections in the town of Holbrook Third (Senate, No. 2304), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third reading Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

House bills

Authorizing the city of Gardner to purchase land in the town of Third Winchendon (House, No. 4046); and

Authorizing the city of Brockton to convey certain park land (House, No. 4164):

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Deborah Gosselin, Deborah an employee of the Department of Social Services (House, No. 4272), Gosselin, reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. O'Day of West Boylston moved that it be amended by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of social services, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.".

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 4272, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Paper from the Senate.

The House Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2007 to Deficiency provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for appropriations. certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4282) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment inserting after section 57 the following section:

"SECTION 57A. Said chapter 61 is hereby further amended by striking out section 57 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 57. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller shall, in consultation with the office of the state treasurer, the executive office of administration and finance and the executive office of health and human services, develop a

Point of order.

Amendment rejected, yea and nay No. 185.

Bill passed to be engrossed, vea and nav No. 186

Deficiency appropriations.

schedule and make a series of transfers not to exceed \$346,000,000 from the General Fund to the MassHealth provider payment account in the Medical Assistance Trust Fund established by section 2QQQ of chapter 29 of the General Laws; provided, that the comptroller has determined that general fund revenues are sufficient to accommodate the schedule of transfers. Any transfer from the General Fund to the Medical Assistance Trust Fund under this section totaling in excess of \$281,000,000 in fiscal year 2008 shall be made only after the secretary of health and human services has certified that any resulting increase in payments from the trust fund shall not exceed the negotiated limit for section 1115 waiver spending. The secretary of health and human services shall notify, in writing, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on health care financing of its certification within 15 days after the certification.

The non-federal share of \$504,000,000 in payments to the Cambridge public health commission's hospital provider network shall be funded by a transfer from the Cambridge public health commission of its funds to the Medical Assistance Trust Fund of \$252,000,000; and such payments to the Cambridge public health commission's hospital provider network may be made only after such transfer. The Cambridge public health commission shall use a federally-permissible source of funds to satisfy the non-federal share of such payments. Payments from the Medical Assistance Trust Fund shall be made only in accordance with the terms and conditions of an agreement with the executive office of health and human services that shall be consistent with federal funding requirements. From the \$504,000,000, the secretary shall make a payment of \$208,000,000 from the trust fund to the Cambridge public health commission's hospital network for dates of service in state and federal fiscal year 2008 and, in the event that federal financial participation is not available for the full amount, the secretary shall seek recoupment of not more than \$148,000,000.".

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, the amendment (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

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The engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2007 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (see House, No. 4282, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet Next on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Mr. Peterson of Grafton then moved that the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed. Accordingly, without further consideration of the remaining matters in the Orders of the Day, at four minutes before eight o'clock P.M. (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) the House adjourned, to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.